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Nelson Rockefeller's clever scheme to defuse the investigation of the CIA by doing the coverup himself appears to be blowing up in his face. If the Church committee in the Senate and the Stanton subcommittee in the House persist (and there is every expectation that they will) they are bound to find the trail of the Rockefeller Empire throughout all major CIA operations—including assassinations. The CIA-Mafia linkage could better be called a Rockefeller-Mafia linkage.

Rocky's chances for nomination by the GOP next year for anything appear to be small and getting smaller every day. His only realistic chance now would be for President Ford to resign or die, propelling him into the Presidency. From that pinnacle of power he could assure his nomination and probably his election in 76.

Don't count him out.

As a fallout from the CIA investigation, the bservations "free press" has come up with the breathtaking news that the CIA and the Mafia have been linked together "since 1961." WO's sister publication, THE AMERICAN MERCURY, in its Spring issue of this year, documented the CIO-Mafia alliance since 1943—when the CIA was known as the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). See Jim Martin's first-rate article, "The Mafia: Victim of Fascist Tyranny," p. 26, giving the amazing facts how the U.S. brought back the Mafia to Italy after Mussolini eliminated it. . . . One obvious product of the CIA-Mafia linkage, in the judgement of WO, is the rash of American assassinations since 1963. . . . Another obvious product is the protection of the international multibillion dollar drug racket by the federal government. Anyone doubting this should re-read "Is the Government a Partner in Red China's 'Death Trade'?" which appeared in the Winter, 1972 THE AMERICAN MERCURY. (Yes, Virginia, your government not only lies to you, it protects your neighborhood heroin pusher!)